

MINNESOTA BOARD OF BARBER EXAMINERS
MONDAY February 25, 2013
Minutes

Attending Members: Frank Plant, Jon Stone, Clarence Jones, and James Robinson
Also in Attendance: Thora Fisko, Executive Secretary; Mike Tostengard, Attorney General's Office; Trevor White, Inspector; Donna Maki, Customer Service, and Members of the public

1) Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 8:02 am by Chair Plant.

2) Approve Agenda

Motion by member Robinson to move the Election of officers and the Committee Assignments to the last items on the agenda.

Member Stone noted additional correspondence item for the agenda.

Motion by member Robinson to approve agenda as amended; second by member Jones; four ayes and motion carried unanimously.

3) Approve Minutes

Motion by member Robinson to approve minutes of the October 8, 2012 meeting; second by member Jones; four ayes, and motion carried unanimously.

4) Reciprocity Application

A. Fahmi Osman- Request to be allowed to take the Master Exam.

Motion by Member Stone to be allowed to take the Apprentice Exam in May with an Interpreter for the State approved Roster. Second by member Jones; four ayes, motion carried unanimously.

B. Hamzeh Quttaineh – Request to be allowed to take the Master Exam. Motion by member

Plant to table until the next meeting. Second by member Stone; four ayes, motion carried unanimously.

5) Petitions for Rule Variance

A. Kelly Hall – Request to retake only written portion of the exam.

Motion by member Robinson to allow Kelly to come and take only the written portion of the Apprentice exam, in the office and have it read to him. Second by member Jones; four ayes, motion carried unanimously.

B. Greg Boss – Request to retake only written portion of the exam.

Motion by member Robinson to allow Greg to come and take only the written portion of the Apprentice exam, in the office and have it read to him. Second by member Jones; four ayes, motion carried unanimously.

C. Phillip Musa – Request Temporary License until next test.

Motion by member Robinson to Deny a temporary license, he will have to take the Apprentice Exam. Second by member Jones; four ayes, motion carried unanimously.

6) Correspondence

- A. Josh Kirkpatrick – Minneapolis Community Technical College – Letter regarding discrepancies found between Milady's Standard Professional Barbering Textbook and the support documents. Member Robinson asked that he finish going through the book and put all of the discrepancies together and they will look at them all at one time.
- B. Peggy Schmidt, Minnesota School of Barbering and Terri Mau, Moler Barber School – letter regarding consistency in determining pass/fail of taper haircuts during exam. The receipt of the letter was acknowledged no discussion or action taken.
- C. Paul Perala, Retired Master Barber- Letter requesting consideration of a limited license for the retired barbers. This matter has to be brought to the legislature for any changes. The Board acknowledged that there is no retiree license and instructed the Secretary to contact Mr. Perala that he is not required to hold a license for his charity work in retirement homes.
- D. Bill Dietman, Moose Lake Correctional Facility; Steve Peppin, Shop owner in Willmar, letter asking for the board to take a look at getting rid of the Apprenticeship, and just have Master Barbers. This Matter has to be brought to the legislature for any changes.

7) Inspector Report

- A. Inspector Trevor White – Began employment 12/19/2012, he was trained by the former inspector Jason Lawson. As of 2/19/2013 he has completed 165 inspections with only minor violations.

8) Executive Secretary Report

- A. Returning to office; Executive Secretary Thora Fisko thanked the Board for their support and reported her return to the office 1/22/2013 part time working 4 hours per day, and current full time status. There is a possibility of additional surgeries and further medical leave.
- B. Licensing update- We have 2967 current licenses, with the breakdown of 1924 Masters, 116 Apprentice, 906 Shops, 16 Instructors and 5 Schools
- C. February Exam – Numbers were not available for the meeting.
- D. Financials – Looking very good, Brought in 200,000 and spent 75,000. We have ordered new computers for each of us in the office. At this time one of our current computers has stopped working and another is unreliable.

With the available revenue the Executive Secretary announced plans to enter into agreement with our licensing data base vendor to begin implementation of on line renewal for the Apprentice and Shop licenses. Registered Barber Licenses will be available for on line renewal soon as that project is underway. Estimated cost is \$19,000.

- E. Legislation – The Executive Secretary announced that Senator John Peterson will author the Barber Bill as presented last year in the Senate and Representatives Gunther and Mahoney have indicated their willingness to author the bill in the House.

A summary of the contents of the bill was reported.

9) Call for Public Comments

- A. John Mitchell reported his return to his position at the Moose Lake Barber School as instructor. He reports that everything went on as normal with the interim instructor that was hired during his leave of absents. John indicated that there will be 5 students for the scheduled apprentice examination on March 4, 2013.
- B. Steve Peppin commented to the Board on the difficulty in finding Registered “Master” Barbers to work in shops outstate and the difficulty for potential students to come to Minneapolis to attend Barber School. Steve indicated that this is a considerable hardship for himself as a business owner seeking to expand his business. He supports the letter submitted by William Dietman regarding the elimination of the Apprentice level license to alleviate the problems related to finding Master Barbers to work.

The next individual requested that the meeting be closed for his comments. The meeting went into closed session at 9:25am for:

- A. Public comment by William Stuart..
- B. Completed the Executive Secretary’s Performance Review. Motion by member Robinson to enter into the record that Ms. Fisko’s performance consistently exceeds expectations. Second by member Jones, 4 aye votes, motion carried unanimously.
- C. Discussion regarding timing of Board elections.

The meeting was reopened at 9:35am.

All members of the public had left the meeting and none returned when the meeting reopened.

10) Board Elections:

Motion by member Robinson to nominate member Stone as Board Chair, second by member Jones, 4 ayes, and motion carried unanimously.

Motion by member Jones to nominate member Robinson as Board Secretary, second by member Plant, 4 ayes, and motion carried unanimously.

11) Meeting Schedule

8:00 a.m. in Conference room A on 4th floor:

March 25, 2013

May 20, 2013

July 29, 2013

September 30, 2013

November 25, 2013

Committee and other Meetings

Complaint Committee will follow the same schedule as above, meeting at 10:00 a.m.

12) Adjournment

Motion by member Jones to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 a.m.; second by member Robinson; 4 aye votes and motion carried unanimously.